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AWARD WINNERS . . . "The Exceptionals." Torrance teen-age band took first honors in the Big John "Fun for All" TV show. Pictured are John Garrett, trumpet; Greg Menshek, sax; Larry Menshek, lead guitar; Eddie Busch, background guitar, and Gary Walter, drums. Host John Marshall is at top rear.

SOUTH BAY MUNICIPAL COURT

Keene Succeeds Willett As New Presiding Judge

Judge William B. Keene, 49, has been elected presiding judge of the South Bay Municipal Court, succeeding Judge Otto B. Willett in the post. He will assume his duties as presiding judge Monday.

Judge Keene also announced assignments for the coming year. Judge Donald Armstrong will preside in Division 2 of the court, 1231 N. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach. Judge Armstrong will handle all master civil calendar, traffic court, and small claims.

Judge Willett has been assigned to Division 3, located at 3231 Torrance Blvd. He will handle all criminal and traffic matters originating in the City of Torrance or from the California Highway Patrol. In addition, Judge Willett will handle small claims actions in Torrance and assist in the trial of civil matters.

In addition to his administrative duties, Judge Keene will handle the master criminal arraignment and trial calendars in Division 1.

Judge Keene was appointed to the bench in 1963 by Governor Edmund G. Brown. He won election to a six-year term last year. Admitted to the California Bar in 1953, Judge Keene served five years as deputy district attorney for Los Angeles. He opened the District Attorney's South Bay office and served for two years as chief deputy in charge of the office. Until his appointment to the bench, Judge Keene was engaged in private practice as a trial lawyer.

The new presiding judge is a graduate of the University of the University of California at Los Angeles and the UCLA Law School. He served in Europe during World War II with the Ninth Infantry Division. Judge Keene and his wife are parents of three children and reside in Manhattan Beach.

A past president of the South Bay Bar Association, Judge Keene is a member of the Torrance Rotary Club, Redondo Beach Elks Club, and has been elected to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates. He also serves on the advisory board of the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Lomita Park Turned Over To Council

Operation of Lomita Park by the City of Lomita was initiated Saturday, following approval of the transfer of jurisdiction by the Board of Supervisors.

The park, located at 24428 Sherman Ave., will be supervised by Mrs. William Hasdelt, recently appointed park director for the city.

The Lomita City Council approved the transfer of jurisdiction on recommendation of Stanley Greene, city administrator, who said Lomita could effect substantial savings by municipal operation of the facility.

An advisory commission to the city council will meet for the first time Tuesday evening. Park commission members include Lowell J. Benfer, Arnold J. Cole, Raymond J. Ferrin, Jerry O. Moore, and Ray Stalmack.



FOR FLOOD VICTIMS . . . Members of the Catholic Daughters of America pack boxes of clothing collected in the Los Angeles Archdiocese for victims of severe floods in Northern California and Oregon. The clothing drive was directed by Mrs. Wesley Muzik (second from right), World Mission chairman for the Archdiocese. Others who are helping Mrs. Muzik are Mrs. Louie Derouin, Mrs. Charles Butterfield, and Mrs. Robert Aguilar. Local CDA courts collected the clothing. (Press-Herald Photo)

Three in Area Killed In New Year's Traffic

Auto Licenses

Renewal Period Opens Tomorrow

The avalanche of 1965 motor vehicle registration renewal notices have been mailed from Sacramento, according to Tom Bright, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

About 80 per cent of the 10 million data processing cards were put in the mails Dec. 26, Bright said. The remainder was mailed yesterday.

Processing of the renewal applications will begin tomorrow at all state offices of the department and some 100 offices of licensed auto clubs. Motorists must obtain their 1965 renewals and the sticker for the real license by appearing at one of the renewal stations.

In some metropolitan areas of the state, an added 150 renewal stations, located mostly in banks, will be opened. Renewals will require transfers, penalties, new certificates, or other adjustments may be completed at these offices.

Owners who have purchased new cars since November, 1963, or used cars since Jan. 1, 1964, will be required to complete the certification of smog control requirements in the 13 counties that have enacted air pollution control laws. Los Angeles County is one of the 13 counties.

A summary of smog control requirements and exemptions is included in the notices mailed to motorists, Bright said.

All offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles will remain open on Saturday mornings during January, generally from 8 to noon. During that time those offices which remain open after 5 p.m. for driver testing will be closed at 5 o'clock.

Councilman Finds Flaw In New Law

City Councilmen adopted an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cars, boats, and trailers from unimproved lots in the city Tuesday, but their work may have been for naught.

David K. Lyman, an attorney when he's not sitting as a councilman, questioned the language in the ordinance, and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier agreed with him.

The ordinance makes it unlawful to sell the car, boat, or trailer, but the council wants to make it unlawful to offer the car, boat, or trailer for sale.

It's a legal fine point, some might say, but it means the council will have to amend the ordinance next week.

Late Word: Forget the Pink Card

That little pink card mailed out with 1965 motor vehicle registration renewal notices can be thrown away.

That, for now, is the latest word from Sacramento about the pink card.

Motorists applying for renewal of their registration need not sign the certificate on the back of the application for renewal unless:

- They are registering a commercial vehicle, or
- They are submitting an application for a change of registered ownership of a passenger vehicle.

Tom Bright, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, advises motorists seeking renewal of their registration for passenger cars to ignore the pink card.



JOHN D. SPALDING

Rites for Executive Conducted

Requiem mass for John D. Spalding, retired manager of the National Supply Division of Arco Steel Corp. here, was celebrated yesterday afternoon at St. John's Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

Mr. Spalding died Tuesday evening in Inglewood of a heart attack. He was 66.

A graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Spalding began work for National Supply at the Carnegie, Pa., plant in 1923. He later assumed engineering assignments at the Toledo, Ohio, plant, then moved to the Torrance plant.

He became works manager of the Torrance plant in 1938 and served until his retirement in 1962 except for 1944, when he was temporarily assigned to the Springfield, Ohio, plant as works manager.

Mr. Spalding, a recognized authority on drilling equipment, was a member of the American Petroleum Institute and Jonathon Club. He served as a director of the American Ordnance Association, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Los Angeles, the Quarter Century Club of Los Angeles, and Junior Achievement of Los Angeles County, Inc. He had received the Silver Knight Trophy of the National Manned (Continued on Page A-6)

Two-Year-Old Dashes Into Street, Dies

A 2-year-old girl became an early Torrance area traffic fatality of the new year Friday and a 26-year-old Torrance man was killed in a Los Angeles traffic accident.

A third area resident was killed in a head-on collision in Utah in an accident that left three persons injured.

Dana Kevar, 2, of 21026 Marbella Drive, was killed Friday when she darted into the street and was struck by a car in front of her home. The girl was dead on arrival at a Torrance hospital after the mid-day accident.

William F. Sanders, 3635 W. Artesia Blvd., was killed instantly when the car in which he was riding hit a power pole on Century Boulevard, Sanders was a passenger in a car driven by Lloyd Mitchell, 39, of Inglewood.

POLICE said the Mitchell vehicle was forced off the roadway and smashed into the utility pole.

Grady D. Maguire, 49, of 1420 W. 179th St., Gardena, died Friday in Utah following a head-on collision on U.S. Route 91. The crash occurred just south of Salt Lake City.

Carol Ann Maguire, 29, of Anaheim was critically injured in the accident. Officers of the Utah Highway Patrol said they did not know if she was related to Maguire.

Maguire's car, according to police, sideswiped one car and then collided with an oncoming vehicle. Two persons in the other car were injured.

Youth Groups Truck Goods

Members of the young people's group at the First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, delivered a truck load of clothing to the Zacatecas Methodist Church in Mexico, Baja California, Mexico this week.

Radio Sets Off Brief Bomb Scare

Customers and employees of the Newberry Store in Peninsula Center had some anxious moments Wednesday afternoon.

Deputies from the Lennox Sheriff Station were summoned to the store after a woman customer reported a bomb in the ladies' restroom. Store manager Ervel Swank heard a faint ticking sound and doused the device in a sinkful of water as deputies arrived.

Deputy Joseph Escarza said he took one look at the package and decided to evacuate the store. About 100 customers waited outside in a slight drizzle while the fire department, the sheriff's bomb squad, and a demolition crew from Ft. MacArthur raced to the store.

With all the experts hovering about the device, a 13-year-old girl knocked on the door and announced she'd left her radio in the restroom.

Sure enough! The "bomb" was Susy Dazey's radio—all wrapped up in green tape. The ticking sound apparently came from Swank's wristwatch, which he mistook for noise from the package.

Traffic Meeting

The new Lomita Traffic Commission will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the city hall, 2049 Pacific Coast Hwy. The commission will discuss reported problems at Lomita Boulevard and Walnut Street.

Catholic Daughters Aid Flood Victims

Flood victims in Northern California will receive about 4,000 pounds of clothing from members of the 52 courts of the Catholic Daughters of America in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

Mrs. Wesley Muzik of Torrance, a member of the Court of Our Lady of Victory and the archdiocesan chairman of world missions, is serving as flood relief chairman. Under her direction, the Muzik home at 238 Calle de Madrid became headquarters for the flood relief work.

Members of the three local CDA courts assisted Mrs. Muzik in the sorting and boxing of clothing for shipment to the flooded areas. Cash donations from members of the 52 Archdiocesan courts paid shipping costs.

Clothing will be distributed

in the flooded areas by members of the Eureka and McKinleyville Catholic Daughters.

Members of the Redondo Court of Our Lady of Victory who aided in the clothing drive included Mrs. Roger Ste. Marie and Miss Sherrie Muzik.

Mmes. Charles Butterfield, Louie Derouin, Robert Aguilar, Paul DeCuir, Robert Klaesges, and Jay W. Chew from the Court St. Catherine, and Gladys Sousa, Ct. Madonna of the Hills, Palos Verdes, also helped. Mrs. Monica Berkechneider from Compton also helped the local chapters.

The program was coordinated by Mrs. Paul Haberstroh, State Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Burglary Attempt Fails ---

Burglars who pried off a door to gain entrance to the KNX tower shack at 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue apparently left empty handed, Harold Perry of the broadcasting firm told police Friday.

Crash Injures Two ---

Two persons were treated for injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital following a 6 p.m. crash New Year's Day at Western Avenue and 206th Street. Treated were Larry Allen Kellogg, 23, of 1544 W. 206th St., driver of one of three cars involved, and his passenger, Kathryn P. Croppf, 15810 Denker Avenue, Gardena.

A New Year's First ---

Dorenda Marlene Horak won the New Year's Derby for 1965 by making her debut at Riviera Community Hospital at one second after the stroke of midnight. Her parents, Frank and Sandra Horak, live at 21020 Ladene Ave. The 21-year-old father is a student at El Camino College.

Council, Trustees Meet ---

Both the City Council and the Board of Education will get to work early in the new year at meetings scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. The school trustees will convene at 7:30 p.m. Monday, while councilmen have scheduled a 5:30 p.m. session Tuesday. Both groups face light, routine agendas.